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THE COOLEST MAN IN RUSSIA.

of the enemy's line, as if defying them to longing for the sun to rise that you may burt blm. And when the very earth was dry yournelf a bit, -portage then you were flying thick as hall, and the hot, our war! lads-remember what the song says! For could fight at all. in those days we had an old camp song horus of it was this:

Then fear not swords that brightly shine, Nor towers that grimly frown ; For God shall march before our due

And tread our formen down. He said this so often, that at last he got with his hand, and shouted; the nick-name among us of Ne Boisya (Don't fear), and he deserved it, if ever man did yet. Why, Father Nikolal Pavlovitch bimself (the Emperor Nicholas) gave him the Cross of St. George with his own hand (the St. George from the emperor's own hand-think of that!) at roured out: the siege of Varna, in the year '28. You see, our battery had been terribly cut up by the Turkish fire, so at last there were only about half a dozen of us left on our in,-shot pelting, earth works crumbling, gablous crashlog, gons and gun carriages tumbling over together, men falling on

down came the colors! Quick as lightning, Pavel Petrovitch ed at all? was up on the parapet, caught the flag as assortment of Picture Frames, Passespartouts, it fell, and held it, right in the face of all young fellow, respectfully, but pretty Sterescopes and Sterescopic Views constantly Sterescopes and Stereoscopic Views constantly on hand and for sale at prices that dafy com- the Turkish gues, while I and another firmly too, the fault is none of mine. You may think how the unbelievers let burn down to the powder. as if he'd been set up as a mark; and all bish! Isn't it enough for you to bungle his dress, and you know what deadly

I made a spring to drag the colonel would drive his fingers through the flesh. down (I was his servant, you know, and He made one stride to the heap of bomb whoever hurt him hurt me); but before 1 shells, and, taking one up in his arms, could reach him I saw the flash of the struck a match on it. gers at the fellow, and called out to him, in some libber-jabber tongue only fit to

talk to a Turk in: Can't you aim better than that, you you thirty lashes for wasting the government ammunition!

Well, as I said, he got the St. George, hands, and giving of good wishes, and drinking his health in macro tchin, - young officer lighted the fase, and it bethat's a borrid mess of eggs, and scraped gan to burn cheese, and sour milk, and Moldavian wine, which these Danube fellows have the impudence to call black tea, as if it was anything like the good old tea that we Russians drink at home! (I've althat these Chinese idolators should have such grand stuff all to themselves )

Pavel Petrovitch takes the cross off his neck, and holds it out in his hand-just so-and saye:

Well, gentlemen, you say I'm the coolbut fair play, if I ever meet my match in

Now, among the officers that stood around him was a young fellow who had lately joined-a quiet, modest lad, quite a boy to look at, with light curly hair, next me give a quick gasp, as if he had uni would probably have charged me TIN CANS, HEATERS

a boy to look at, and a face as smooth as any lady's. But just come up from a plange under water; with being asieep, I roused myself warily when he heard what the colonel said, he and I opened my eyes again just in time however, chewed a bit of fennel, and put on a look of interest satisfaction with the The Ware, Plain and Stamped, sheet Iron and flash from his clear blue eyes like the sun letting drop the shell at the general's feet, ed hibows. to myself:

It won't be an easy thing to match Pa-

had often heard it said that the Turks

Na struct kholed Velekt moled-

white monstache. Many and many a deta at home, who had never atheit pows. Ker, in St. Nicholas. one have I seen; for, thank Heaven, the dee in their lives, talking about glorious children of holy Russia are never want- war and all that, I've said to myself, PELETIAN PERRITT'S CATASTROPHE. ing in that way; but all of them put to- Aha, my fine fellows! If you had been gether wouldn't make such a man as our where I have, marching for days and old exionel. Count Pavel Petrovitch Sev- days over ankles in mud, with nothing It wasn't only that he faced danger to eat but stale black bread, so hard that like a man, -all the others did that, -but | you had to soak it before you could get be never seemed to know that there was it down; and if you'd had to drick water any danger at all. It was as good as a through which hundreds of horses had re-enforcement of ten battallions to have just been trampling; and to scramble up him among us in the thick of a fight, and and down steep hills under a roasting see his grand, tall figure drawn up to its sun, with your feet so swollen and sore full height, and his firm face and keen that every step was like a knife going graviest turned straight upon the smoke into you; and to ile all night in the rain,

shaking with the cannonade, and balls wouldn't talk quite so loud about gloristiffing amoke closed us in like a shadow However, we drove the Turks across of neath, with a flash and a roar breaking the Balkans at last, and got down to through it every new and then, and the Yamboll, a little town at the foot of the whole sir filled with the rush of the shot, mountains, which commands the highlike the wind sweeping through a forest road to Adrianople. And there the unin Autume, - then Petrovitch would believers made a stand; and fought right fight a elgarotte and hum a snatch of I well. I will say that for em; for they song, as cooly so if he were at a dinner knew that if Adrianople were fost, all party in the English Club at Moscow, was over. But God fought for us, and And it really seemed as if the builets ran we beat them; though, indeed, with half way from him, instead of his running our men sick, and our clothes all in rage, from them; for he never got hit. But if and our arms rusted, and our powder he saw any of us beginning to waver, be mixed with sand by those rogues of army would call out cheerily: Never fear, contractors, it was a wonder that we

Toward afternoon, just as the enemy that we were fond of singing, and the were beginning to give way, I saw Pavel Petrovitch (who was a general by this time) looking very hard at a mortar bat tery about a hundred yards to our right; and all at once he struck his knee flercely

What do those fellows mean by firing like that? They might as well pelt the Turks with potatoes! I'll soon settle them! Here, Vanya (Ivan)! Away he went, I after him; and he

barst into the battery like a storm, and Where's the blockhead that commands this batters?

A young officer stepped forward and saluted; and who should this be but the feet. It was as hot work as ever I was light haired had with the blue eyes, whom I had noticed that night at Varna.

Well, you won't command it to-mor row, my fine fellow, for I'll have you every side like leaves, till, all at once, a turned out this very day. Do you know shot went slap through our flagstaff, and that not a single shell that you've thrown since I've been watching you has explod-With your excellency's leave, said the

man spliced the pole with our belts. These fases are ill-made, and will not Would inform their old patrons and the public generally that they still continue the there on the top of the breastwork, just to me of fuses; I'm too old for that rubmanufacture of all kinds of

at once I saw one fellow (an Albanian by your work, but you must tell me a lie into the bargain? At the word lie, the young officer's angle of the wall, and take steady aim at face seemed to turn red-hot all in a moment, and I saw his hand clench as if be

Albanian's piece, and Pavel Petrovitch's Now, said he, quietly, your excellency cap went spinning fato the air, with a can judge for yourself. I'm going to hole right through it just above the fore. light this fase; if your excellency will head. And what do you think the colo- please to stand by and watch it burn. neidid? Why, he just snapped his fin- you will see whether I have lied or not. The general started, as well be might Not that he was afraid-you may be sure of that; but to hear this quiet, bashful lad, wio looked as if he had nothing in fool? If I were your officer, I'd give him, coolly propose to hold a lighted shell in his arms to see if it would go off, and ask him to stand by and watch it, was enough to startle anybody. Howand of course everybody congratulated ever, he wasn't one to think twice about him, and there was a great shaking of accepting a challenge; so be folded his arms and stood there like a statue. The

As for me and the other men, you may fancy what we felt like. Of course, we couldn't tun while our officers were standing their ground; but we knew that if the shell did go off, it would blow ways thought, for my part, that the every man of us to bits, and it wasn't ought to grow in Russin; for its a shame pleasant to have to stand and wait for it. I saw the men set their teeth bard as the flame caught the fuse; and as for me, I Well, just in the height of the talk, wished with all my heart and soul that avel Petrovitch takes the cross off his there were any good fuses in the bear, and bobbs it out in his hand-just.

ones! But no-it burned away merrily enough, and came down, and down, and est man in the regiment, but perhaps down, nearer and nearer to the pewder! everybody wouldn't agree with you. The young officer never moved a muscle, Now, just to show that I want nothing but stood looking stendily at the general, and the general at him. At last, the red that way, I'll give him this cross of mine! spark got close to the metal of the shell; and then I shut my eyes, and prayed God. I heard the minister give out his text, and

to receive my soul. Just at that moment, I heard the man socked up suddenly, and there came a to see the fuse out, and the young officer on a look of intense satisfaction with the

For a moment, the general stood stock still, looking as if he didn't quite know freezing horror chilled my person from vei l'etrovitch; but if it can bu dane, whether to knock the young fellow down bead to foot, and I knew then it was the or to hug him in his arms like a son; but cider getting ready to explode in my leftat last, he word out his hand to him, say. hand pocket, For a moment I tried to

had no winter; but I had always thought one meets his match some day; and I've some other locality, but its proximity that this was only a yarn, though indeed, met mine to-day, there's no denying it, could not be long disguised. Immediate it would only be a just judgement upon There's the St. George for you, my boy, exposure was inevitable.

through and through, and making the had; and I've seen him, with my own around bewildered. Two small, disrepu- could not tell.

ly climb them, and turning all the low self, in presence of the whole army. And delight. Anything to put an end to the I've seen many a brave man in my grounds into a regular lake of mud, from that day forth, the whole lot of us, sermon was nuts to them, and they at time, ture enough, said old Ivan Stari- through which it was a terrible job to officers and men alike, never spoke of once fairly effervesced with happiness publican Committee of Pannsylvania koff, removing his short pipe to pass our cannon. Many a time in laster him by any other name but K'afmino- over my misery. But their effervescence were troubled to get competent speakers a rolume of smoke from beneath his long days, when I've heard sprace young ca- known (the cool-blooded one) .- Durid was nothing to that which was going on who would dare address the miners in

Our misfortunes are sometimes angels in diaguise, but they do not always come event of life, however necessary it may be on all occasions to strive after that equanimity which becomes a man or woman, no matter how severe the present trial of patience or fortitude. Listen to the unhappy story of Peletiah, son of Orin K. Perritt of South Littleton, as related by bimself:

In the remembrance of some sorrows whatever the duration of life, we never outgrow ourselves. Whenever I attempt to recall the incidents in my somewhat exceptional career, one particular day of my existence rises up before me, and will not be forgotten or even lightened of its burden of pain. With shame and confusion I look back on the past, for that one terrible day of gloom overshadows my career and obscures the sunny hours which, in the course of nature, come at intervals to every male and female descendant of Adam. I can think with calmness of many sad circumstances that have befallen my lot-circumstances full of peril and horror-but that particular disaster to which I refer has blotted out all feeling with regard to other scenes that might, disconnected from my grand catastrophe, have darkened a lifetime. Oh, that I had died young, while yet a stranger to public mortification; a mortification to unbrace the strongest nerves

and make the stoutest courage quall. The day of my calamity, forty years ago, dawned like many another day in one of radiant loveliness, and as I walked along to our modest little house of worship in the country, all the trees seemed hanging out their banners of beauty. How well do I recall the scene of surpassing brilliancy on that gorgeous Autumn morning! I had started early, that I might move slowly over the road and, allured by the splendid lights and shadows, I made a detour of over a mile resided my father's life-long friend, Col. Bijah Peabody, as he was universally de-

nominated in that part of the country. The colonel was standing by his garden peaceful Sunday morning. His pipe resting between his lips and emitted only at intervals a gentle puff of smoke. Seeing me approach from the woody roadside, he looked a hearty welcome, and exclaimed:

Glad to see you, Peletiah. How's your father and all the folks at home?

I answered to his kind inquiry, and declined his hearty invitation to walk in, as I was hurrying to the meeting house for the morning service.

Well, said the old man, the least you can de is to take 'long a couple of bottles of my best cider to your father who is laid up at home with roomatizum.

Now if there was one liquid in the world that father hankered after when he did not feel exactly right, it was the colonel's bottled cider in October, for he said, Peabody's was better than his'n or anybody else's cider in the whole coun-

At first I besitated about taking along the delectable fluid, for I should have to convey it in my coat-tail pockets to church with me, and elude, as best I might, the vigilent eyes of Deacon Treadwell and old Miss Patience Libby, both of whom sat in full sight of our pew.

However, when the colonel, who saw my reluctant response to his invitation, exclaimed: Don't be proud, Peletiab! bastily pocketed the cider, and thinking of my father's prospective delight at dinper time, moved with alacrity over the

hilleide to meeting. The bell had ceased tolling when I arrived at the door, but I waited outside until after the first prayer, and then glided noiselessly on my toes to our family pew. My brother and sister had taken their seats, leaving my place unoccupied against my arrival. Mother remained at home to keep our dear old father company in his suffering, and road the most comforting chapters in the Bible to him during his worst paroxyme.

My long walk had predisposed me to ing time, cutting in with full force when in the proper place for the tenor voices. followed him into his secondly, when my mind wandered and a prejudiced individ-

Suddenly I became aware of a movement in the direction of my coat talls. A plain English, the man who dresses himsummon up an apprarance of anconcern, Well, it's a true proverb, that every as if the detonating sound came from to ascertain what their tendency is and even think of a word beginning with it,

hill sides so slippery that we could hard eyes, complimented by the emperor him- table boys in the gallery collapsed with thus appareled. Tranquility under af- to the broad alale. In vain I tried to re- upon as a poor girl used to the bardships fliction cannot be commanded in every strain the impetuous liquid with my fin' of travel, and they offered her the coal

tion and fearful to look upon. alarm, and ran out of the pew, making the defeat would be hers.

October. The morning that usbered in bouse, where everybody knows you, and of public meeting are dark, dismal and the Sunday on which I was to suffer, was where, down to the latest generation, no- black with coal dust. The miners crowd like mine. For centuries to come, whenever a bot-

ciated with cideral influences, anything besutiful hillside, on one of whose slopes but pleasent, in the humble village where the Union, they broke into sneers and in-I was born,-Youth's Companion.

ONE MAN WAS SATISFIED TO LOSE.

assembled in a cigar store near the Capital hotel. The subject was in regard to must conquer them. The dark faces grew horse racing. Said a back driver who pale as her eloquence increased, and the was present :

Talk about your fast time! Why, I've seen a horse trot a mile in 1,90. Impossble, said the cigar proprietor. It can't be done. The best time I ever

heard of was 2.14 1-4. Said the backman: what I say.

Taken by the cigar man, money put up and a referee chosen . In a drawling voice, the backman then explained to the man of cigars:

Don't you know, you idlot, that 1.90 is minutes and 30 seconds? Turning to the stake-holder, the tobaconist then said:

Give him the money; it's worth five

dollars to know what a fool I am. ANCIENT JEWISH SCIENCE.

Dr. Herman Adler, of London, claims who were fighting for it. are considered important modern discovthe use of anasthetics in surgery was cocked pistol directly into the girl's face. practiced. The Talmud says: They gave him to drink a potion, which cast two-three. With the crash of the exhim into a profound sleep, so that they plosion, a lock of curly black hair fell were enabled to perform the operation of from her head to the floor, but her voice gastrotomy. The Talmud mentions arti- never broke. My God, boys, that woman slumber, but I stood up as usual in sing- ficial teeth, a tooth that was put in, a speakes the truth. tooth covered with gold so as to stop and we came to And that shall kindle ours, hide the decay. The Talmind also con- ber, with the bully at their head. They tains the first mention of insurance.

> Clean hands in matters of money among the young certainly ought to be the indispensible condition of gentlemanliness. No man who borrows and does not pay, and not care whether he pays or not, is a gentleman, no matter how witty, or gay. or fine be may be. To speak in good self at another's expense, not knowing r-o-s-d, road, railroad; c-r-o-s, cros; how to pay, nor caring whether he pays, s.j.n-g, sing, crossing, railroad crossing by persons who never probe them morally e-n, ea- and before he could say g, er what they lead to.

the unbelievers to lose the finest part of and right well you deserve it; for if I'm Should I instantly fly from the pew, bethe whole year. But when I went down the coolest man in the regiment, you're fore the cork had time to do its worst? I exhibiting to a Boston and ence a negro sniffle rings, and broken tires, and shat-Pays better than digging for Gold.

My agents have sometimes made as high as the interdiscrete and stated of a good, honest cracking frost to seem, have bought one. The one cattree to see the seem of the coolest in all Russial.

And so said all the rest, when the story camely in come and should be commanded in the coolest in all Russial.

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And so said all the rest, when the story good abroad; and the commanded in the coolest in all Russial. chief himself, the great Cogut Diebitsche, one leave the neck of a bottle with a noise Who was Governor of Kentucky two crashing down on his back and bulged sent for the fad, and said a few kind like that. The noise was terrific in its years ago? The negro hesitated. I got through the top of a freight car and words to him that made his face flush up violence, and to my disordered fancy, on my feet, added the lecturer and asked wrecked a job lot of agricultural imple-(in winter's cold every one is young), it like a young girl's. But in after days be shook the meeting house. The minister of the questioner who was the Governor plements, he would have given all his was all chill, sneaking rain, wetting us became one of the best officers we ever stopped short in his sermon and looked of Massachusetts two years ago, and he wagon was worth to know what the rest

During the Lincoln campaign the Rein our immediate vicinity! With one the Molly Maguire coal districts. Around mighty bound the pent-up Utles of cider, Pottsville it was absolutely dangerous for with no cork to stop it, tore into the air any man to make a speech in favor of the above the pew, and leaped headlong over Republican candidates. Some one sugmy shoulders, boiling and bursting into gested Miss Dickinson's mame, as she the back of my neck, and spilling over in- was becoming frmous. She was looked gers - to carb its remorseless fary for a mine district to practice on. She needed moment with my pocket handkerchief; money and accepted. The brave and but no effort of mine could quell its fleet chivalrons gentlemen who claimed to repcareer. On it came, hissing and destroy- resent the intelligence and morality of ing like a wild tornado in a tropic clime, Pennsylvanta laughed among themselves terrible te contemplate and awful to ex- and called the bargain a good job. No perience. It was indeed a sight to be- man could be hired to enter the dangerhold. My hair became saturated with our region and make a telling speech. cider to that extent, in the language of The poor girl packed her scanty ward-Prof. Holmes, it dropped around my robe and started for the seat of war. On palid check like seaweed in a caim. My the cars she had an intimation that she garments ran apple joice, and I was as was going to imperil her life if not lose ifone sleeped from crown to toe in cider. Strange to say, just before the train was odorous with the fosming abomina- reached the town where she was going to speak, a member of the committee re-All eyes were now turned upon me, pented, and telegraphed her to return. evidently requiring an explanation of He urged that the risk was too great. such an unwonted scene, when the other She reflected a moment and said to herbottle began to give voluble signs of dis, self that the cause was just. Some one turbance. At once I started up in fresh must make the sacrifice. If she returned for the meeting house door with all the well lay down her life for her principles precipitation possible to a ruined man; first as last. She crumpled the despatch but alas I was too late. Out flew the into her pocket and went on. Those other cork, and a second deluge mildly who have not been in the back mining ensued. Miss Libby was struck violent towns of the authracite coal regions can y twice in the bonnet; and screamed as have little idea of the dangers that infest I flew past her into the porch. There I that locality in times of political excitesat down, exhausted with shame and ment. Handreds of men are thrown into over-exertion, only wishing for providen- the pits every year or assassinatedt in the tial annihilation on the sacred spot I had mines, and only vague, horrible rumors innocently done so much to descerate. reach the valleys below. A mining town Reader, may it never be your fate to bas no police, no refuge for the stranger bear what I have heard to see what I have who does not agree with the men who seen in an old-fashioned country meeting furnish light for the world. The places body ever forgets a ridiculous catastrophe in till the benches and floor are packed with them.

When Miss Dickinson reached the tle of cider threatens to explode in South place where she was to speak, the hall Littleton, some bystander will be sure to was filled with a motley crowd. It was observe, with a sly look at the frizzing with difficulty that she made her way to sperture: Stand by with a tumbler, for the speaker's stand. A dark mass of un-I guess it's agoing to Perritt! And thus turned faces stared at her in slience. She my ill starred name will forever be asso- began. Not a muscle moved. But when she made a point in favor of the war and sulting epithets. With solemn and dignified demeanor, she hurled back argument, mlogled with sarcasm, that moved them to silence. There she stood a young girl There were five of them, and they had among a thousand rough and brutal men. She felt that to leave the hall alive she struggle between her mind and theirs was so terrible and painful that she thought she was going to lose control of

ber brain. Suddenly a powerful, thick-set man, leader of the desperadoes, raised himself from the floor and hoarsely cried-Stop I'll bet you five dollars, I can prove where you are or I will shoot you dead. and he pointed the muzzle of his revolver

towards her face. Every eye in the house was fixed on the girl, who continued speaking while she looked with undaunted gaze into the five chambers of death.

The last warning, he said, o-n-e, t-w-o, t-h-r-e-e. -- bang. The bullet entered the wall about two feet from her head. She saw that her supreme hour had come. She never faltered, but with clenched hands and inspired face she poured out the eloquence

of her soul for her country and the men

to find in the Talmud evidence that the There was a brief, ominous pause, then ancient Jews possessed a number of what the man slowly raised his weapon again. This time I shall take sure aim. I give eries. Rabbi Gamaliel, about the thirti- you another chance. One-two-three. eth year of the common era, had a sort of The ball passed so near her face that orrery in his house, and it is clear from she felt the wind of it, but with a mighty certain passages that the astronomers of effort she stood namoved and ther voice those days had an instrument very closely rang with a terrible pathos. Suppressed resembling the telescope. A passage in breathings of the listeners could be heard the Talmud says: Rabbi Gamaliel had a at the end of her sentences, but neither tube by means of which he could see 2000 the bully nor the speaker flinched. A cubits by land and air; also 2000 cubits strange and awful calmuess came over by sea. A knowledge of electricity is her, and her eyes blazed fire. Some of revealed by the statement, one must not the miners rose to their feet, but her subplace from in a poultry yard from a super- lime genius transfixed them on the spot. stitions motive, but if it be done on ac- Once more the man with the revolver count of the thunder and lightning it is slowly raised his arm sgain and a deadly permitted. There is a clear proof that pollor came to his face. He pointed the

> In an instant twenty men were around carried her through the town as if she was some superior being just sent down from Heaven, and they made a sol-

This time I shall shoot you dead. One-

hands on her. A DANGEROUS SPELL.

emn oath to kill the first man who laid

A Floyd County farmer halted his team. on a crossing, read a large sign stretched across the road. He read: R-a-i-l, rall. the end of the world struck his pag on smidships, he saw his horses wandering Wendell Phillips said in a recent lee- off in different directions into the infinity